Affairs and Sports propose to introduce a new Scheme of State Sports Academy during the Tenth Five Year Plan period. The main objective of the Scheme of State Sports Academy is to select the best available potential in sports between age groups of 10-13 years, as well as, the top performers in State/National competitions in the age group of 10-18 years to prepare and groom them over the years for winning medals for the country at the international level.

The scheme will be funded collectively by a Sponsor, the State Government and the Central Government. The Academy will be a registered Society which will be set up and managed by the sponsor.

(c) Under the scheme it is proposed to set up an Academy in every State/UT, including Tamil Nadu. No specific request has been received from Tamil Nadu Government under this scheme.

(d) and (e) The question does not arise.

Financial assistance to Chikmagalur Golf Club

3862. DR. VIJAY MALLYA : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has submitted a proposal for providing financial assistance for development of Chikmagalur Golf Club; and

(b) if so, when the said proposal would be approved and funds provided to the State Government for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Promotion of traditional Indian sports

†3863. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government have formulated any scheme to promote traditional Indian sports;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi